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Re: **Application 09/880,514**  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

We request your assistance in obtaining the name & contact information for the examiner currently reviewing application 09/880,514. We have contacted Examiner Miggins repeatedly regarding the status of the application and he has been unable to provide any information as to who it is currently assigned to. Attempts to contact the SPE of Unit 1772 have failed, as it appears he is on leave, or no longer working there. We have received no substantive communications regarding the application since filing a Request for Continued Examination on January 23, 2006.

Additionally, the application can not be viewed using Private Pair. We are concerned that the Power of Attorney we filed in July wasn't processed. This is the second attempt we have made to file Power of Attorney. Our first attempt in April 11, 2005 was not processed.

Any assistance you could provide in this matter would be greatly appreciated

Sincerely,

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